

1 1. A device for locating an item packaged in a container  
2 among potentially obscuring protective material, said device  
3 comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a  
5 dispenser anchorable to said container.

1 2. The device of Claims 1, wherein said tether comprises a  
2 first end connected to a fastener attachable to said item.

1 3. The device of Claims 2, wherein said dispenser  
2 comprises a stratified body having a bottom adhesive layer  
3 and a top layer.

1 4. The device of Claims 3, wherein said tether is formed  
2 integrally with said top layer.

1 5. The device of Claims 4, wherein said tether further  
2 comprises a plurality of undulations thereby forming a  
3 resiliency enhancing structure.

1 6. The device of Claims 3, which further comprises said top  
2 layer being shaped to form a weakened bond between said  
3 tether and a remainder portion of said top layer.

1 7. The device of Claims 6, wherein said weakened bond  
2 comprises an aperture separating a portion of said tether  
3 ~~from said remainder portion.~~

1 8. The device of Claims 4, wherein said top layer is formed  
2 from a single piece of flexible sheet material.

1 9. The device of Claims 8, wherein said flexible sheet  
2 material is selected from the group consisting of an  
3 elastomeric, vinyl, or latex rubber.

1 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein said tether is  
2 separable into one or more subtethers.

1 11. The device of Claims 2, wherein said fastener comprises  
2 a widened portion of said tether into a sheet-like pad.

1 12. The device of Claims 11, wherein said pad is shaped to  
2 form an attachment eye through said pad.

1 13. The device of Claims 11, wherein said device further  
2 comprises an adhesive disk formed on a first surface of said  
3 pad.

1 14. The device of Claims 1, wherein said dispenser further  
2 comprises a badge adapted to carry item identification  
3 information.

1 15. The device of Claims 2, wherein said tether is adapted  
2 to carry an electrical signal indicating connection of said  
3 fastener to said item.

1 16. The device of Claims 2, wherein said fastener is  
2 selected from the group consisting of:

3 a piece of sticky tape;  
4 an amount of glue;  
5 a rivet;  
6 a staple  
7 complementary magnetic strips;  
8 complementary hook-and-vane fasteners;  
9 twist tie materials;  
10 a clip; and  
11 a sealable bag.

12 17. A device for locating an item packaged within a  
13 container among potentially obscuring protective material  
14 comprises:

15 an elongated flexible tether having a first end  
16 connected to an anchorment and a second end attachable to  
17 said item; and

18 means for dispensing a portion of said tether from said  
19 anchorment.

20 18. The device of Claim 17, which further comprises means  
21 for fastening said second end to said container.

22 19. A method for packaging an item for transport in a  
23 container among potentially obscuring protective material

3 comprises:  
4 releasably fastening a first end of a tether-based  
5 connector to said item; and  
6 anchoring a second end of said connector to said  
7 container.

20. The method of Claim 19, wherein said method further  
comprises dispensing a length of tether from said connector.